under Macro Management Mode of implementing the schemes w.e.f. October, 2000. Government is also assisting for setting up of vermicompost units under the Technology Mission for Horticulture for North Eastern States.

(b) to (d) The sugarcane press mud is being promoted for use as manure under the provisions of the Sugarcane Press Mud (Control) Order, 1959. Government is providing financial assistance at concessional rate of interest from Sugar Development Fund for various Cane Development Schemes.

Veterinary Hospital at Kalikapur

2735. SHRI R.P GOENKA: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a State-of-the-art veterinary hospital is proposed to be built on 4.4 acres of land at Kalikapur, to treat neglected, sick or abandoned animals;

(b) what is the cost of setting up such a hospital, of running is subsequently and what would be the contributions from the Central and State Government; and

(c) whether it is a fact that there are a large number of poor and destitute people who do not get proper medical attention; if so, the reasons for higher priority to veterinary hospital?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) The State Government of West Bengal has informed that there is no proposal for construction of a State-of-the-art veterinary hospital at Kalikapur under Sonarpur Development Block in the South 24 Paraganas District of the State.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.